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BLOOMSBURG'S VOTE.

Tuesday's Election—The Successful Candidates.—W. R. Kocher, the Prohibitionist Elected President of the Town Council.

Tuesday's election was a rather quiet affair, there being no contest except on the President of the Town Council. The votes cast in each ward are as follows:

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.	DIST.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T.
W. R. Kocher.....		92	132	111	93	428
W. O. Holmes.....		99	79	113	82	373
W. H. Gilmore.....		39	33	96	82	250
MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.						
F. J. Richards.....		169	177	319	307	972
E. A. Rawlings.....		167	85	302	88	642
John G. Torrey.....		207	135	114	102	658
H. G. Sapping.....		321	409	402	353	1485
John Kelly.....		106	55	215	339	715
W. S. Hinson.....		273	184	306	285	1048
Harvey Hoyer.....		121	84	149	157	511
SCHOOL DIRECTORS.						
J. C. Ritter.....		161	195	301	241	800
W. E. Rinker.....		201	219	311	141	892
J. R. Townsend.....						4
TAX COLLECTOR.						
L. D. Kase.....		120	130	197	138	585
E. J. Steiner.....		78	63	85	102	328
ASSESSOR.						
W. E. Knorr.....		114				114
W. H. Yetter.....		104				104
Chas. Sterner.....		88				88
John Scott.....		88				88
J. V. Logan.....		148				148
Chas. H. Welles.....		122				122
W. H. Harker.....		122				122
William Musher.....		63				63
JUDGES OF ELECTION.						
Theo. Smith.....		123				123
C. S. Purman.....		88				88
Saml. Parsel.....		88				88
Wm. Fleckenstein.....		86				86
Robt. Pennan.....		167				167
Robt. Melnick.....		113				113
Harvey Giger.....		142				142
W. H. Crossley.....		91				91
INSPECTOR OF ELECTION.						
E. H. Ent.....		101				101
F. C. Rye.....		89				89
W. W. Fugh.....		101				101
Chas. T. Hendershot.....		98				98
W. E. Dettlerick.....		110				110
Wm. Hassert.....		110				110
John Tracy.....		119				119
Elwood Heacock.....		104				104

BASKET BALL.

The Central High School Team no Match for the Normal Champions.

The Normal School boys added another scalp to their belt on Friday night last, the victims this time being the Central High School of Philadelphia. There were several fine plays made, but owing to the fact that the visitors were entirely outclassed, the game proved uninteresting.

Captain Worthington distinguished himself by throwing three baskets. Detwiler's work was of the gilt edged order, and the work of Sharp, for the visitors, could not have been improved on. The line up:

NORMAL. C. H. C. Detwiler.....attack..... Mallery Moore.....attack..... Marsner Young.....centre..... E. Halderman Harrar.....defense..... Sharp Worthington.....defense..... W. Halderman Score Normal 33, C. H. S. o. Goals from field—Detwiler 6, Moore 2, Worthington 3, From foul Moore, Fousl—Mallery, W. S. Halderman, Moore 3, Worthington. Time—Two 20 minute halves. Referee Van Horn. Umpires—Smethers and Thomas.

Normal Notes.

Next Monday evening, February 22nd, is Washington's Birthday. On Normal Hill it will be the occasion of the Reunion of the Callieian Literary Society.

Instead of getting up a drama or some other special program prepared by their own talent, they have engaged the celebrated Nashville Jubilee Singers.

There will be in this company of colored vocalists, some ten or twelve persons every one of whom is a trained specialist.

The program consists of Negro Plantation Songs, all of which will be sung in Plantation costume, also a goodly number of solos, duets, quartettes, in all a very happy combination of splendid music.

Every one knows of the fame and ability of these companies of trained plantation singers. This company is one of the very best. Our Callieian friends have gone to an unusual expense to get them here.

Let all lovers of music not fail to be there next Monday evening. Diagram at Slate's.

DIED SODDENLY.

John Q. Barkley, a well known resident of town, was stricken with apoplexy at about ten o'clock on Thursday night of last week, and died on Friday morning, at the home of his mother, where he has been living. The deceased was a single man and aged about fifty-one years. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. D. N. Kirkby, of the Episcopal church. Interment in Rosemont cemetery.

The deceased was a member of the Odd Fellows, and the order attended the funeral in a body.

HON. JOSHUA W. COMLY.

Hon. Joshua W. Comly died at the Montour House, Danville, last Friday night, aged about 87 years. Twenty years ago he was known all over the state as a lawyer of great ability. His services were in demand in the trial of important causes in many counties. He had a large practice in this county, and when a case was on trial in which he was concerned as counsel, the court house was filled with people who came to witness his consummate skill, and to listen to his convincing arguments. He was graduated at Princeton and came to the Bar about 1831. The last case in which he was concerned was the famous Cameron will case. It was argued in the Supreme Court May 3rd and 4th, 1882. The last case he tried in Columbia County was the case of Books vs. Borough of Danville—Mr. Comly and Mr. Buckalew for Books; Mr. W. J. Baldy and Mr. Freeze for the Borough.

In 1880, owing to defective hearing, he retired from active practice, and appeared as counsel only in a few cases after that date. Since that time he has led a retired life, spending much of his time among his books of which he had a valuable collection, both in law and literature. Mr. Comly was a man of the strictest honesty and integrity. It is said of him that he would never take a case until he was convinced that the claim of his client was just.

After his retirement he was always ready and willing to give advice to young lawyers, and he was often called upon by them for the benefit of his ripe judgment and legal learning.

The Bar of Columbia County met at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. Mr. Freeze announced to the Court the death of Mr. Comly, and moved to have a minute thereof put upon the records. At the meeting of the Bar, Col. Freeze in the chair, the following gentlemen were named as a committee to draft minutes and resolutions: Messrs. Buckalew, Barkley, Geyer, Jackson and Robison.

The following resolutions were adopted:

The members of the Columbia County Bar sincerely regret the death of Joshua W. Comly, Esq., for many years of his useful and distinguished career, the leader of our Bar; and desire to express their due appreciation of his great merit as a man and as a member of their profession. They therefore,

Resolved: That the public opinion which placed Mr. Comly at the head of the legal profession in our section of the State and claimed for him a high rank among the lawyers of the country, was a just tribute to his great abilities, and to his long, honorable, successful and distinguished career in professional life.

Resolved: That in his intercourse with other members of the Bar, he exhibited at all times a manliness of character and a friendly and genial spirit, which won for him their full confidence and warm regard, and will render their recollections of him most pleasurable and lasting.

The funeral was held at the Montour House on Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and from there the remains were taken to Milton for burial. Those in attendance from here were Judge Ikeler, Messrs. Buckalew, Freeze, Waller, Fritz and Elwell. Many lawyers and Judges from adjoining counties were present.

A meeting of the Bar of Montour county was held at the Danville Court House at 9 o'clock, when appropriate resolutions were adopted, and beautiful tributes to the memory of the deceased were made by James Scarlet Esq., and Col. J. G. Freeze.

There will be an entertainment in Barber's Hall at Stillwater on Tuesday evening the 23rd inst. Proceeds for the benefit of the W. C. T. U. An interesting program is being arranged. Music will be rendered by the Hamlin Orchestra. Admission 10 cents. Children free. The public is cordially invited.

At a meeting of the School Furnishing Company, held last week, the following directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year: J. L. Moyer, W. M. Reber, N. U. Funk, J. C. Brown, and C. W. McKelvey, Jr. President, F. P. Billmeyer; John Aikman, secretary; N. U. Funk, treasurer.

Agents representing different makes of bicycles are making Bloomsburg a stopping place these days. The town was full of them all week. There are probably more bicycles ridden here than in any other town of its size in this section of the state.

NORMAL DEFEATED.

The Normal boys, full of hope, and with the memory of the severe trouncing they administered to the Philadelphia boys on Friday night still fresh in their minds, went to Williamsport on Monday and suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of the local team by the narrow margin of two points, the score being Williamsport 20, Normal 18.

Tuesday's issue of the *Gazette and Bulletin* published at Williamsport, has the following to say of the game: "If people ever were enthusiastic over basket ball the audience at the game in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last night was. From the very start of the game everybody watched each move of play and not through the forty minutes' play did their interest wane. The game was the roughest exhibition of basket ball ever seen in this city, and for all the roughness there was but one foul called during the evening. The visiting team greatly outweighed the local players and as to roughness had a vantage from this point. However, the players were frequently cautioned against roughness and everything possible done to prevent such playing.

The local team does not usually play such ball and found it hard to resist the onslaughts of the heavier team, which has evidently been coached to put up rough ball.

For the home team Captain Sarvey, Hoagland, Lamade and Russell did the star playing and the defence of Kiessling was exceedingly clever, especially his part of team work.

On the opposing side Detwiler, Moore and Young did the best playing and secured all goals thrown to their credit. Several objections were made to rulings made by the referee, but all his decisions stood."

AN AGED CITIZEN DEAD.

Geo. W. Abbott died at the residence of his son in law, Dr. J. B. McKelvey, on Wednesday night at ten o'clock. He was the oldest resident of Bloomsburg with one exception, having been born on September 7th, 1801, and he was therefore 95 years, 5 months and 10 days old. He was born in Norristown, and resided there, and in Philadelphia, and Chester Co. until 1840, and since that time has spent most of his life in Bloomsburg. He was married in October, 1824, to Mary Craig, and five children were born, Mrs. Dr. McKelvey of this town, Miles, who is dead, and Thomas, John, and William, who reside in Breckenridge, Colorado.

Mr. Abbott engaged in various business. He learned the engraving trade and afterward turned to milling and to other trades. He superintended the construction of the pier and abutments of the P. & R. bridge at Rupert. For the past eleven years he has lived at Dr. McKelvey's. He was afflicted with blindness and deafness, but retained his mental faculties. His death was peaceful, the human machinery being worn out and stopping so gradually that it was hardly known when he passed away.

The burial will be in Rosemont, but the date has not been fixed.

The second reception by the Woman's Auxiliary was held at the Parish House last Thursday evening. The musical portion of the program included solos by Mrs. Hall and Miss Miller, and instrumental music by Chas. P. Elwell pianist, Mr. Keiple, violinist, and Mr. McHenry, cornetist. "The Milk Maid," and "The King of Hearts" were given by several little folks in a very enjoyable way. There were games for the young people, and refreshments for everybody. The proceeds were about ten dollars.

The last reception will be held on Saturday evening next.

The 93rd anniversary of the birth of Eliza Sharpless, was celebrated at Catawissa on Tuesday. Those in attendance from Bloomsburg were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sharpless and their daughters, Mrs. J. W. Eyer and Mrs. T. J. Vanderslice. Quite a number of other relatives were present, from other places, included among the number was Mrs. Hal Jackson of Scranton. The occasion was a very enjoyable one and long to be remembered by all present.

A notorious character, whose name is Milton Cook, quarreled with his companion, James May, a negro, on Saturday, and shot him in the stomach. Cook was arrested and placed in jail. May was taken to a Wilkesbarre hospital. The affair occurred above Berwick, just over the line in Luzerne county.

COMING ENTERTAINMENTS.

Friday evening Feb. 19—Basket ball in Normal Gymnasium, Pittston vs Normal.

Friday evening February 19, the great American Magician, Douglass, at the Opera House.

Saturday evening, 20th inst. reception by the Woman's Auxiliary at the Parish House, from 7 to 9 o'clock. Silver collection at the door. Light refreshments, and a musical program.. Monday evening, 22nd inst. Callieian Reunion at the Normal Auditorium. Concert by the Nashville Jubilee Singers.

The ladies of the G. A. R., Ent Circle, will serve a Martha Washington supper in their hall on Monday evening, February 22. Supper 12 cents.

On Monday evening, 22nd inst. Friendship Fire Co., will hold their 30th annual Ball, in Enterline's Hall.

Tuesday evening, 23rd inst. entertainment by the Sunday School of St. Paul's Church, in the Parish House.

Wednesday evening, 24th, Bloomsburg Council, Royal Arcanum, will hold a reception in their hall. Admission only on invitation.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, February 25, 26, and 27th the latest invention, Edison's Projectoscope, at the Opera House.

Thursday evening 25th inst., the choir of St. Paul's Church will give a chicken and flannel cake supper in the Parish House. Tickets, 25 cents.

Friday evening, 26th inst. Students' Lecture Course. Lecture by Rev. Anna Shaw.

On Monday evening, March 1st, a musicale will be given in the Presbyterian Church, the proceeds of which will be sent to Dr. Jno. B. Neal in China, towards the support of his hospital.

Tuesday evening, March 2nd, lecture in the Parish House by Fred Ikeler Esq., under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The 19th Semi Annual Convention of the Columbia Co. Woman's Christian Union will be held in the Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 18 and 19. On the evening of Friday, Mrs. A. M. Holney will deliver her popular lecture "A Wedge of Gold." The Loyal Temperance Legion will give an entertainment on Thursday evening. Everybody welcome to all sessions. Lecture free.

Announcements of any other entertainments will be made under this head without charge, by leaving word at this office.

Officers Elected at Berwick.

Chief Burgess—Henry F. Traugh. Councilmen—F. H. Eaton and Wm. H. Dennis. Justice of the Peace—F. R. Kitchen. School Directors—C. C. Evans and M. G. Smith. The proposition to continue the cooking school was defeated by a majority of 118. Poor Overseer—C. C. Laubach. Auditor—F. G. Chapin.

CATAWISSA'S NEW OFFICERS.

Chief Burgess—I. H. Seesholtz. Councilmen—James Cook, and there was a tie between George A. Schmick and A. B. Pifer. Justice of the Peace—J. B. Knittle. School Directors—A. J. Truckenmiller and J. A. Guiterman. Poor Overseer—C. E. Clewell. Auditor—C. S. Waltz. Judge of the Election—J. K. Sharpless Jr. Inspectors—A. F. Harman and Chas. E. Smith. Tax Collector—M. V. B. Kline.

Fitzsimmons and Corbett, will battle for the heavyweight championship of the world and a purse of \$20,000, in Nevada, some time next month. Corbett has begun training at Carson City, Nevada, and Fitz has entered his training quarters, in California. There has been no end to the talk concerning these two men, and the public will soon have the chance to judge for themselves, as to which one of the two is the best man.

A very pretty social gathering, in honor of St. Valentine's Day occurred at the home of the Misses Ella and Annie Coffman on Friday evening. The evening was delightfully spent with games and other amusements. The guests numbered about twenty-two.

George Yount of town, received a letter last week, that was post marked at Reading July 9, 1893. It was written by J. S. Moyer, who has been dead for some years.

All Kinds of People



Come to this store for their clothes, and we have a reputation for pleasing them all. There is no lack of bargains in every line. Suits, Dress Overcoats, Storm Overcoats, Boy's Reefers, Hats, Furnishings, Underwear, &c.

GIDDING'S

PITTSBURG "POST" BURNED OUT.

Fire Causes Damage to the Amount of \$90,000.

Fire Sunday morning burned the building occupied by the Pittsburg "Post," causing a loss of \$90,000. The printing presses, one valued at \$25,000 and the other at \$10,000 were badly damaged. Ten type setting machines valued at \$30,000 were ruined. The "Post's" loss will probably reach \$70,000 covered by insurance. The building is owned by J. N. McCullough estate and the loss on it will reach \$20,000, covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have started from the crossing of electric light wires. The "Post" will issue its paper from the office of the Pittsburg "Leader" until new quarters are secured. The press room of the "Commercial Gazette" was flooded with water.

The entertainment at the Presbyterian Church last Saturday evening was well attended, and much enjoyed by the audience. Misses Runyon and McLinn played a piano duet; Mrs. Melick and Miss Miller sang solos and a duet; the Mandolin Quintette Club gave several numbers, and the Mission Band presented some tableaux from Gibson's pictures. The proceeds amounted to nearly sixteen dollars.

The annual anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of Trinity Reformed Church will be held next Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock. The program will consist of a report by the President of the society, recitations, readings, and special music. An address will also be delivered by Rev. A. C. Whitmer, of Lancaster, Pa., Supt. of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

George Aurand will leave town on March 1st and move to Plymouth, where he will engage in the hotel business again, he having leased the Ely House of that place. Mr. Aurand has had years of experience in the hotel business, and will conduct a good house.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Col. John G. Freeze announced the death of Joshua W. Comly of Danville, a member of the Columbia Co. Bar. A meeting of the Bar was called to take action.

Estate of Christ. Kuster, deceased. H. A. McKillip appointed auditor.

Estate of James Johnson, deceased. Inquest awarded.

Order of sale granted in estate of Jos. S. Redline, deceased.

Petition filed for county bridge over Raven creek in Benton township, near Chas. Gibbons.

Herman Y. Young appointed guardian of Raymond and Rush, minor children of Ida Gunther, deceased.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

In the heat of a great political row at Centralia last Saturday night, between John and Amor Welsh, cousins and John Turner, several shots were fired, one striking a young man by the name of William George, who was not taking any part in the affair, the ball entered his neck. The doctors could not save him and he died at three o'clock Sunday afternoon. Turner and the Welsh boys were lodged in jail.

The Second Presbyterian Church of Williamsport was destroyed by fire at an early hour on Sunday morning. The blaze is supposed to have originated from the boilers, and had gained a big start before it was discovered. The loss is \$35,000, with an insurance of \$30,000. Not a thing was saved.

This is the second time that this structure has been destroyed by fire within the last two years.

The tracks of the Lehigh Valley railroad at Nescopeck were blocked for several hours on Friday owing to a wreck at that place, between two freight trains. No one was injured, but considerable damage was done to one engine, and several loaded cars were derailed, and their contents scattered about.

Base ball is beginning to boom up in all its magnificence.